

HONORING CORRECTIONS OFFICER
CHRIS WILSON AND SERGEANT
JOSEPH DEMATTEO

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate National Police Week, I would like to recognize the bravery of two law enforcement officers from my district whose heroic acts were honored this week by Corrections USA, a leading national voice for correctional officers.

It is said that correctional officers "patrol law enforcement's toughest beat," and nothing could be truer. Everyday, these officers work to keep violent felons behind bars and put their lives at risk to ensure that our families can feel safe in our homes and on our streets. The work they do is critical to the safety of our communities, and their sacrifices exemplify the spirit of public service.

Far too often these sacrifices go unnoticed, but on Monday May 10th, Corrections U.S.A. honored some of these extraordinary public servants at their Medal of Valor Awards Ceremony. Each of the award recipients went beyond the call of duty, putting their lives in jeopardy in order to save the life of another. They all responded admirably to the crises they faced, and demonstrated the true strength of their character. I was pleased and honored to join Corrections USA in recognizing the courage of these fine officers, and would like to take this opportunity to share the stories of two of my constituents who were honored at this event.

On July 16, 2003, Corrections Officer Chris Wilson quickly came to the aid of one of his colleagues at the Middlesex County Adult Correction Center in North Brunswick, New Jersey, saving him from a severe beating at the hands of an inmate. Mr. Wilson immediately responded to fellow Officer Tim Morris's distress call and found him being attacked by an inmate. Mr. Wilson restrained the inmate and spared Mr. Morris from further injury. Officer Wilson received a Gold Medal of Valor for stopping this brutal attack.

Sergeant Joseph DeMatteo, a 22-year veteran of the Middlesex County Adult Correction Center, demonstrated his strength of character by assisting victims of a car accident he witnessed on his way to work. On July 23, 2003, Sergeant DeMatteo saw an SUV flipping over a small car, and quickly rushed to the scene to help. Because of his experience as a volunteer fire fighter and first aid responder, he assisted the driver in the first car, who was pinned from the chest down under the car's motor. When he noticed flames in the second car, Sergeant DeMatteo left the first driver in the care of another individual assisting at the scene and rushed to the other car. Sergeant DeMatteo and another individual were able to break the windows of the car and move the injured driver to a safe spot on the grass. Once the driver was stabilized, Sergeant DeMatteo went back to the other driver that was still trapped in his car. He stayed with the driver and helped keep him calm until emergency workers arrived to release him. Sergeant DeMatteo received the Life Saving Award for his efforts.

I commend the bravery of these individuals and extend my heartfelt gratitude to correc-

tional officers across the country for their service to our communities.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House on Thursday, May 6th, due to an unavoidable commitment. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way; rollcall vote 147, H. Res. 628, providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 627) "yea"; rollcall vote 148, H.R. 2443, the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2003 "yea"; and rollcall vote 149, H. Res. 402, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the urgent need for freedom, democratic reform, and international monitoring of elections, human rights, and religious liberty in the Lao People's Democratic Republic "yea."

On rollcall vote 150, H. Res. 627, deploring the abuse of persons in the United States custody in Iraq, regardless of the circumstances of their detention, urging the Secretary of the Army to bring to swift justice any member of the Armed Forces who has violated the Uniform Code of Military Justice, expressing the deep appreciation of the Nation to the courageous and honorable members of the Armed Forces who have selflessly served, or are currently serving, in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and for other purposes "yea."

On rollcall vote 151, H. Con. Res. 326, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the arbitrary detention of Dr. Wang Bingzhang by the Government of the People's Republic of China and urging his immediate release "yea"; and rollcall vote 152, H. Res. 398, expressing the concern of Congress over Iran's development of the means to produce nuclear weapons "yea."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TOM WIENS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Tom Wiens, and thank him for his extraordinary contributions to the State of Colorado as a member of the Colorado General Assembly. Elected to serve the people of District 45 in 2002, he will be remembered as a legislator with the utmost dedication and talent, and will continue to be known as a leader in the community. As he moves on in his career, let it be known that I, along with people of Colorado, are eternally grateful for all that he has accomplished in his tenure in the Colorado House of Representatives.

A businessman and rancher, Tom grew up on his family's historic ranch where they raise hay and cattle, and breed champion cutting horses. During his time at the State House, he has served on the Business Affairs and Labor Committee, and the Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources Committee. His work as a legislator garnered him the Freshman Legis-

lator of the Year award in 2003 by the Independent Bankers of Colorado, and the Colorado Fire Chiefs Association made him an honorary member.

While Tom has effectively served the people of Douglas and Teller Counties in the General Assembly, he has stayed an active participant in the community. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Children's Hospital Research Foundation, and is a member of the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo Association. He is involved with parent organizations at Douglas County High School and Larkspur Elementary, works with several faith-based community outreach programs, and is a member of Cherry Hills Community Church. He also has served as a volunteer police chaplain and is a former Director of the Colorado Ski Museum and Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that State Representative Tom Wiens has ceaselessly dedicated his time and efforts to serving his district and the people of Colorado. It is his incredible devotion along with his passion for contributing towards the betterment of his community and the State of Colorado that I wish to bring before this body of Congress and this nation. It is my distinct pleasure to recognize Tom here today, and wish him and his wife Diana all the best in their future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO IFE-S. CHARLES

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Ife-S. Charles in recognition of her commitment to community empowerment.

Ife-S. Charles was born in Trinidad, West Indies and immigrated to the Prospect Heights neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York 30 plus years ago. She attended Holy Spirit Junior High School, Brooklyn Technical High School in Fort Greene and later went on to earn a degree in Human Services. Ife currently resides in the community of Crown Heights with her daughter.

She is a New York State Certified Mediator specializing in Community, Family and Parent Teen Mediation. She is the Deputy Director at the Crown Heights Community Mediation Center (CHCMC) located on Kingston Avenue in Crown Heights. Her job at CHCMC gives her the opportunity to work with youth and families in her neighborhood. She works closely with the 71st and 77th Precinct Youth and Community Affairs Officers, where she conducts Conflict Resolution Workshops at Empowerment Programs offered by the precincts. She has trained youths in peer mediation and conflict resolution. She is the Director of the 77th Community Task Force which is an effort to enhance community and police relationships.

Ife subscribes to her own E3 philosophy: Enlight; Enrich and Effect. This is a philosophy that she uses in her work with the community and youth. Her attraction to community work is part of who she is which is why she enjoys serving as a motivational speaker at local churches and community centers. Ife can be seen speaking to the young women and men of the community where she gives them words of encouragement or directs them to organizations for their own self-improvement. On any

given day you can find life in her office with a group of young people talking about life issues and ways of dealing with such issues. For those not attending school, she works diligently at finding them placements in GED and/or job training programs. She further supports the youth in her community by attending open school meetings with teachers, and by enrolling some in karate school, often negotiating fees with the Sensei so that "her children", as she frequently calls them, will have a place to go and not get caught up in what the streets do not have to offer.

Life credits her love for the work that she does to her Creator and her daughter Jahdai. She is also inspired by her son, Malchijah, who departed this life several years ago.

Mr. Speaker, life Charles has dedicated her life to the betterment of her community. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

A TRIBUTE TO NINA COAKE FOR 55 YEARS OF FOSTER PARENTING

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to pay tribute to Nina Coake of San Bernardino County, California, who has been mother to 1,152 children over the past 50 years, and helped create one of the most successful foster parent systems in the Nation along the way.

Nina and Vernon Coake took in their first two foster children in 1943, and then in 1945 built a 10-room home to provide care to many more abused, neglected and drug-addicted children. She cared for as many as six at a time constantly until she retired at age 81.

Foster parents are special people, Mr. Speaker. The Coakes told the county's Child Protective Services that they would take in children at any hour of the day, any day of the week. They understood that watching over these troubled children requires constant vigilance and love. Many have been abandoned, molested or physically abused, and it takes an exceptional person to find a way to make these young people understand that someone cares for them.

The Coakes opened the first shelter care home in 1976, and their work ultimately allowed the county to close its dependency lock-up section at juvenile hall. In 1996, Nina Coake began caring for medically fragile infants and small children, taking in severely drug-exposed and abused infants and seeing them through drug withdrawal episodes and healing broken bones.

Nina Coake has been a leader in foster parent groups, serving as president of the San Bernardino County Foster Parent Association for 10 years, and in a variety of statewide roles, ultimately becoming president of the California State Foster Parent Association for four years.

She was a leader in convincing the county to require 20 hours of foster parent training—more than twice the State-mandated 8 hours. She has presented numerous workshops at local colleges, as well as 25 statewide training

conferences—including chairman of three statewide meetings. Two years ago, she was the primary foster parent representative in a statewide group that helped redesign the California Child Welfare System.

Mr. Speaker, Nina Coake was named Loma Linda University Medical Center's Hometown Hero in 2001, and on May 18 this year will be celebrate at a county luncheon in her honor. Please join me in thanking her for all her years of loving dedication to the children most at need in our society, and wish her well in her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, on the afternoon of May 12, 2004, I was absent for several votes because President Bush requested my presence at the White House for an extremely important meeting about the situation in Iraq and other national security issues.

I regret that I missed the votes. However, had I been present, I would have voted:

Vote No. 165, Motion to Recommit With Instructions—H.R. 4280 "nay."

Vote No. 166, Final Passage of H.R. 4280, "yea."

Vote No. 167, H. Con. Res. 378, "yea."

Vote No. 168, H. Con. Res. 409, "yea."

THE STOP COUNTERFEITING IN MANUFACTURED GOODS ACT

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation—the Stop Counterfeiting in Manufactured Goods Act—that addresses the mounting problem of counterfeit manufactured products. I hope my colleagues will join me in passing this bill at the earliest opportunity.

The size and scope of counterfeit manufactured goods around the world is growing every day. In fact, the International Chamber of Commerce estimates that seven percent of the world's trade is in counterfeit goods and that the counterfeit market is worth \$350 billion.

Not only are these counterfeit goods a documented health and safety risk for consumers here and abroad, but these counterfeit goods also impact our economy by stealing sales from legitimate American manufacturers and costing Americans high-paying manufacturing jobs.

In fact, the U.S. Customs Service has estimated previously that counterfeiting has resulted in the loss of 750,000 jobs and costs the United States around \$200 billion annually. Counterfeit automobile parts alone cost that industry over \$12 billion. It is estimated that if these losses were eliminated, the auto industry could hire 200,000 additional workers.

The plight of manufacturers in this country has received a great deal of attention in recent months, and rightfully so. The plight is real.

Manufacturers in this country are the most efficient and technologically advanced in the world, but they face many challenges. In the face of massive global competition, the biggest problems facing manufacturers are the costs they can't directly control, and harm the environment in which they compete. As policy makers, I believe we should focus on improving that environment, and cracking down on those companies who break the rules in the United States and abroad is one way that should garner strong bipartisan support.

The Stop Counterfeiting in Manufactured Goods Act does this by strengthening the federal trademark law used to prosecute counterfeiters. It has three key provisions.

First, the bill provides for the mandatory destruction of the equipment used to manufacture and package counterfeit goods. Under current law, counterfeiters can have their illegal goods seized, but retain the equipment they used to make them. I think we can all agree that we should not leave counterfeiters in business, and this provision will help us in that effort.

Second, the bill clarifies that Title 18, Section 2320, prohibits trafficking in counterfeit labels, patches, and medallions that are unattached to any goods. Sophisticated counterfeiters have sold counterfeit versions of the trademarks themselves in the form of patch sets or medallions that can later be attached to generic merchandises and given the appearance of a genuine product. This is counterfeiting and should not stand.

Finally, the bill offers greater protection for "famous" marks by removing the requirement that the spurious trademark be used in connection with goods or services identical to those for which the spurious mark is already registered.

One important example of why this last provision is necessary is the famous Nike "swoosh." Nike had never intended to enter the sports watch market, so it did not register its trademark for sports watches. A counterfeiter took advantage of this loophole by selling sports watches bearing a counterfeit Nike "swoosh" because that trademark was so popular. Nike was forced to add sports watches to its trademark registry because it had no recourse under the law to stop the counterfeiter. The bill closes that loophole.

The Stop Counterfeiting in Manufactured Goods Act will have a positive impact here in the United States, but its reach can be global. Counterfeit manufactured goods are a worldwide problem and we will need the cooperation of our trading partners to effectively fight counterfeiters. With these provisions in law, our trade negotiators will be able to seek stronger anti-counterfeiting provisions in bilateral and international agreements with trading partners, with these improvements as the basis for asking other countries to enact similar changes.

I thank Congressman MARK GREEN of Wisconsin for joining as an original co-sponsor of this legislation. I encourage all my colleagues to join us in cracking down on the counterfeit goods that threaten public safety, steal sales from legitimate manufacturers, and cost American jobs.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this legislation into law.